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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KOUSUKE YOSHIHARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KOCK, GEORGE R.
SERIAL NO: 10/584,265 :
FILED: JUNE 26, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1791
FOR: DEVELOPING DEVICE AND :
DEVELOPING METHOD :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 2, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, Group I, claims 1-16 and 26-31, drawn to an apparatus. Claims 26 and 27 have been omitted from the two groups identified in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that claims 26 and 27 should be examined with the other Group I claims since claims 26 and 27 are drawn to an apparatus and depend from claim 1.

Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Group I, claims 1-16 and 26-31 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

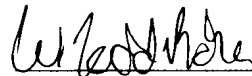
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